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1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA:

QTE I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS TO YOU, BOTH IN MY CAPACITY AS PRIME MINISTER AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL, MY SENSE OF HORROR AT THE MURDER THIS MORNING OF TWO AMERICAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS SERVING WITH THE IMPERIAL

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ARMED FORCES.

QTE THE SENSELESS KILLINGS OF COL. PAUL R. SHAFFER AND OF LT. COL. JACK H. TURNER HAVE NO DOUBT BEEN PERPETRATED BY MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ACTIONS ARE AS ABHORRENT TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD AS THEIR MOTIVES ARE SINISTER.

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QTE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE

JOIN ME IN COMDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST TERMS SUCH ISOLATED ACTS OF TERRORISM. THE TRAGIC IRONY OF SUCH EVIL DEEDS IS THAT THEY ARE DIRECTED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COLLABORATING WITH US FOR THE BETTERMENT OF IRAN. QTE IN EXPRESSING TO YOU THE DEEPEST REGRET OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT ON THESE TRAGIC INCIDENTS, I WISH AT THE SAME TIME TO ASSURE YOU, AND MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES SERVING IN IRAN, THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO BRING THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE DASTARDLY CRIMES TO JUSTICE. UNQTE

2. FOREGOING MESSAGE IS BEING BROADCAST WITH PRIME MINISTER'S PERMISSION OVER AFRTS. MIKLOS

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